



Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, president of Avila, is shown viewing Jimmy C. at the Kansas City stockyards. To her left is Dave Durian, news commentator from Channel 9 TV, and to her right is a camera man from that station.



John Wagner, president of student government at Avila, pats Jimmy C. while Sister Olive Louise, a friend, and Mr. Charles Jennings, president of the Kansas City Stock Yards and Instigator of the purchase of the Grand Champion Steer, look on.

Champion Steer: Avila Bonanza

Avila was the surprise beneficiary of a 1255 pound beef, when a syndicate of six friends of the college each contributed \$1,000 apiece to buy the Grand Champion steer of the prestigious American Royal Stock Show in Kansas City.

The steer, Jimmy C. (named for the president-elect) was bestowed on Avila to benefit the library fund drive. A Simmental-Angus hybrid, it was owned by Miss Jody Martz of Lanark, Illinois.

Purchasers of the steer were Charles Jennings, president of the Kansas City Stock Yards Company; Henry Bloch, H & R Bloch Company; Bob Boyle, Boyle Meat Company; John Latshaw, E. F. Hutton and Company; George Powell, Sr., Yellow Transit; and Gordon Wells, First National Bank.

Mr. M. V. Sambol volunteered to butcher the steer at the Sambol Packing Company, and Bob Boyle promised to wrap and store the cuts.

Steer To Be Auctioned Again

Steaks from Jimmy C. will be auctioned at a formal, invitation-only dinner planned for January 30 in Marion Centre. Hoping to realize \$10,000 on the syndicate's original \$6,000 investment, the Avila library drive committee is asking 200 people to the \$50 a plate gathering.

Cocktails will be served at 7 p.m., followed by dinner at 8, and the auction will commence after the meal.

Fund Drive Kick-Off Held

Two consecutive orientation dinners in November attracted a total of 85 volunteers and launched the Avila library fund drive in the Kansas City business community.

Various members of the drive committee spoke to the groups. Sister Olive Louise, honorary chairman, and Alfred Blasco, chairman of the drive, pointed out this is only the second time in 60 years Avila has asked the community for aid.

Howard Kaye, vice-president of White-Weld Company and member of the board of counselors, Ron Bennett of Leo Eisenberg and Company, and Jeff Nemens, director of development for Avila, instructed the volunteers in the techniques of solicitation.

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Alfred J. Blasco, chairman of Avila's board of trustees and chairman of the library fund drive, exhorts assembled volunteers to solicit well for the new structure at a dinner in Marian Centre on November 3.

Jeff Nemens, director of development, instructs assembled volunteers in the fine art of fund raising for the new permanent library.



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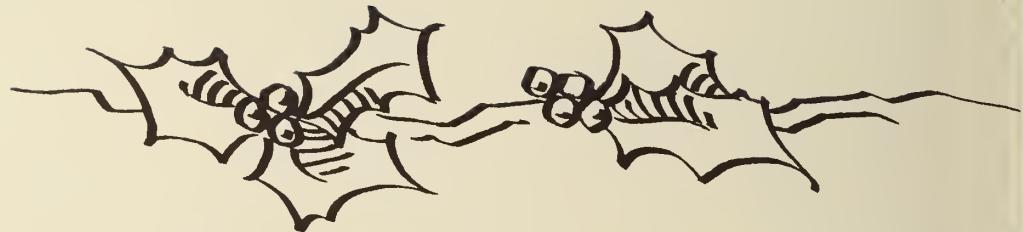
TELETHON CHANGED

The alumni telethon will be earlier this year, according to Mary Ann Caffrey, '75, chairman of the annual drive for continuing support. The calls are slated to begin on January 31, 1977, and continue until March 10.

"Our goal is to raise \$25,000, pledged over a 3 year period, for the alumni conference room in the permanent library," continued Mary Ann. "We need volunteers to do the calling, 168 in all, and we're planning on a training session presented by Southwest Bell Telephone company."

To volunteer, call Avila — 942-8400.

"Where are the clowns?" was the theme of a mass presented by the Fine Arts Department in the chapel in Foyle Hall. Shown holding balloons are Evelyn Samborski, Sue Coslet, Martin Merritt and Sister Anna Schleit.



A Christmas Message

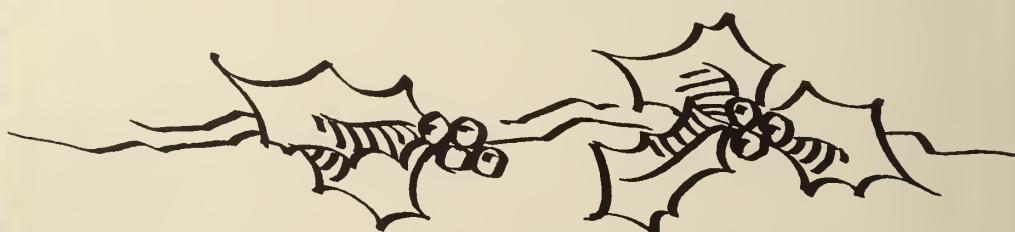
To all our Avila Friends:

The Avila College Community wishes you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

You will be remembered in a novena of Masses said for your intentions in the Avila College Chapel. May your Christmas be filled with much love, joy, and peace. May 1977 see the fulfillment of your heart's desire.

Sincerely,

Sister Olive Louise



Bonfils Trust Gives \$200,000

Avila College has received a grant of \$200,000 to be applied to the library fund from the Helen G. Bonfils Trust, administered by the Trust Department of the First National Bank of Kansas City.

"The Bonfils are an old Missouri family and no strangers to Avila,"

says Sister Olive Louise Dallavis, president. "I have been in contact over the years with Anne Sullivan, Helen Bonfils' private secretary, and the grant to our college was one of the original requests to the executors."

In 1967, \$50,000 was donated to Avila by May Bonfils Stanton for air conditioning in Carondelet Hall and Marian Centre.